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Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Re: In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Mississippi Public Service Commission does not oppose Centennial Cellular Tri-State Operating Partnership and Centennial Claiborne Cellular Corporation's ("Centennial") Petition for Waiver dated January 21, 2005. The order designating Centennial as an eligible telecommunications carrier in the State of Mississippi in Rural Study Areas 8 and 9 is dated August 10, 2004, and considered effective as of that date.

Sincerely,



Brian U. Ray
Executive Secretary

cc: Bruce McKinley
Gina Spade
Robert G. Waites